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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 12-191

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Brian L. Cummings, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO BOARD REPORT 12-139 – FUNDING OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT C-120424 BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MR. MICHAEL BAKER FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO THE FIRE STATION ALERTING SYSTEM

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Recommendations: That the Board:

1. Receive and file this addendum to Board Report 12-139.
2. Adopt the recommendations of staff as presented in Board Report 12-139.

Summary: At the September 4, 2012 meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, the Commission deferred action on Board Report 12-139 entitled "First Amendment to Agreement C-120424 between the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and Mr. Michael Baker for Consulting Services Related to The Fire Station Alerting System (FSAS)." The Commission instructed staff to investigate and report back on whether or not the funding to continue the Michael Baker Agreement (C-120424) was an additional allocation to the LAFD FY 2012-13 Approved Budget or not.

In its deliberations of the FY 2012-13 Budget for the City of Los Angeles, the City Council allocated an additional \$250,000 specifically for consulting services related to the FSAS.

Fiscal Impact: As noted in Board Report 12-139, the first amendment to Agreement No. C120424 obligates the LAFD to expend funds for services in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in FY 2012-13. The City Council approved funds in the amount of \$250,000 for FSAS Consulting in the LAFD's FY 2012-13 Budget. Sufficient funds for the first amendment are available in the General Fund 100, Department 38, Account 003040 for this purpose.

Conclusion: The LAFD requires that this amendment for consulting services continues its efforts in improving public safety operations within the City and communication between the Department's dispatch center, fire stations and resources. Mr. Baker has submitted all documentation required by the City in order to conduct business with the City of Los Angeles. The LAFD has worked with the Information Technology Agency to identify whether or not these services could be performed by City staff. No City staff members have sufficient expertise in state-of-the-art FSAS to perform these services. This contract is essential to assist the Department in ensuring that its public safety communication and operational needs continue to move forward.

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